

Remarks

Claims 1-99 are pending, and claims 1-99 stand rejected. Claims 1-2, 4, 8-15, 17, 21-28, 30, 34-40, 42, 44-50, 52, 54-60, and 64-69 are amended by this Response. Claims 3, 7, 16, 20, 29, 33, 41, 43, 51, 53, 61, 63, and 70-99 are cancelled without prejudice by this Response. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection and request allowance of claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-15, 17-19, 21-28, 30-32, 34-40, 42, 44-50, 52, 54-60, 62, and 64-69.

Oath/Declaration

On February 14, 2001, the Applicants submitted a petition to accept a declaration in the absence of one of the inventor's signatures (Jo Temming) (*see* 37 C.F.R. § 1.47(a)). According to a letter mailed June 28, 2001, the Patent and Trademark Office granted the petition. The Applicants have appended a copy of the granted petition to this Response. Therefore, the oath/declaration is not defective.

Specification

The Applicants have amended the title to read "Dynamically Providing Communication Accounts Using A Communication Account System". The Applicants ask the Examiner to accept this title as a more descriptive title.

§ 112 Claim Rejections

The Applicants amended claims 1, 27, 40, and 60 to include a reference to a communication account system. Thus, the communication account system receives the communication account request, validates the web server (wireless device), associates the communication account, and transfers the response.

§ 102 Claim Rejections

The Examiner rejected claims 1-99 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by U.S. Patent number 6,185,545 (Resnick). The Applicants submit that the remaining claims are novel and non-obvious over Resnick.

Resnick describes a method of recharging a pre-paid account using a traditional financial

network. For the method, the network includes an intermediate account that receives payment from a customer (such as through a point of sale device), and transfers some or all of the payment to the carrier for the pre-paid account. To create the intermediate account, Resnick briefly describes a web server that facilitates communication between the carrier and the system for the intermediate account. However, Resnick does not teach using web server or a wireless device in the manner described in the claims of the pending application.

Claim 1 of the pending application describes the step of "*associating a communication account with the web server in response to the validation by processing the user information to select a type of the communication account for the web server*". Resnick does not teach these limitations.

First, the web server in claim 1 is requesting the communication account. The associating step is associating the communication account with the web server, not an individual person. Advantageously, the web server is able to request accounts to run promotions, reward its customers, etc.

Secondly, the associating step includes processing the user information to select a type of communication account for the web server. Even though the communication account is for the web server, the type of account depends on user information for one or more users of the web server. Advantageously, the web server can provide different accounts on a per-user basis.

For at least these reasons, claim 1 is novel and non-obvious over Resnick. Independent claims 14 and 27 are novel and non-obvious for similar reasons. Claims 40, 50, and 60 (using the term "wireless device" instead of "web server") are novel and non-obvious for similar reasons.

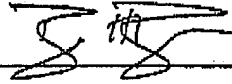
Conclusion

Based on the above remarks, the Applicants submit that claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-15, 17-19, 21-28, 30-32, 34-40, 42, 44-50, 52, 54-60, 62, and 64-69 are allowable. There may be additional reasons in support of patentability, but such reasons are omitted in the interests of brevity. The Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-15, 17-19, 21-28, 30-32, 34-40, 42, 44-50, 52, 54-60, 62, and 64-69.

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